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• *Rowan Honeysett-Williams helps promote the sexual consent campaign (Picture by David Fleming)*

New campaign aims to reduce area's sex offences

By **Adam Flinn**
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A NEW campaign to raise awareness and understanding of sexual consent was launched in Oxford on Monday, to try and reduce the number of sex offence cases in the region.

It has been developed by the Oxford Safer Communities Partnership at Oxford City Council, and aims to encourage young people to explicitly ask for consent with all sexual encounters.

A website has been launched, with promotional material such as posters, beer mats and social media also being used to back it up.

Liz Jones, domestic and sexual abuse co-ordinator for the partnership, said: "We were discussing whether or not we felt this would be a valuable campaign, and felt there is a grey area when it comes to sexual consent.

"I did a lot of focus groups with young people, and it came apparent there was a need, and that we need to talk about it.

"It varied from those who were very fully informed to those who weren't informed at all, so we're hoping to get people talking and being more respectful of each other."

Rowan Honeysett-Williams, an 18-year-old student involved in the campaign, said: "A campaign on this topic is important so those who do not have a clear idea can find out what consent is and how to treat their partners respectfully.

"Sexual consent is an incredibly complex part of any relationship, and people are heavily influenced by the media and what their peers are saying, which may lead to misconceptions of what sexual consent really is."

Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld said: "I fully support this campaign. I think it's needed, as there's a lack of understanding amongst many of the young people.

"I hope this campaign will help. It's not just in Oxford, it's throughout the Thames Valley, and its prevalence tends to be much higher at weekends starting on a Friday night."

Other groups involved in the campaign include Thames Valley Probation and the Oxford Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Centre.

Kilvinder Vigurs, director with public protection at the probation service, said: "There is a feeling when we work with offenders

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Headache centre opens in Oxford

A SENIOR neurologist hopes a new headache clinic opened in Oxford will help reach out to more people suffering with migraines.

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The Oxford Headache Centre, which combines Oxford University researchers and Oxford University Hospitals trust, was launched on Thursday.

And Dr Paul Davies, clinical neurologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital, feels the new treatments and facilities available at the centre will combat a wider range of people suffering with migraines.

"For the chronic migraine sufferer, by definition, they have headaches most of the time," said Dr Davies.

"For eight days of the month or more they suffer from migraines, and the World Health Organisation considers a day with a migraine as disabling as being quadriplegic – so these are very disabled people.

"There are many different types of headache and treatments to go with them.

"At the Oxford Headache Centre, we can deal with all sorts of headaches, and have nearly the full range of treatments to offer.

"And with increases in staffing we can offer the treatment to more people than we used to be able to."

The open day at the centre, which is at the Churchill Hospital, Headington campus, showcased a series of lectures from clinicians and Oxford scientists.

Migraine sufferer Linda Irving-Bell, 64, said she hoped the centre would provide added support for people with severe migraines.

"The fact there will be somewhere dedicated to help, even if not a lot can be done, will be good," she said.

"There will be people there who can say 'we can ease it', even if they cannot totally cure it – having people who understand it in a more dedicated way will probably help people."

Linda lives in Bladon, having moved to Oxford in 1990 as a mature student. She has suffered with chronic migraines since the age of 15, and gets them approximately 20 days out of the month.

She said even though she was used to the condition, it was still "distressing" and "debilitating".

"It's quite debilitating, and sometimes it gets me down," she said.

"Even though it's treated, the medicine doesn't totally take the effects away – so I spend a lot of my life feeling dizzy and not at my greatest.

"But it does take away the really bad elements of it - the pain is sometimes like a dagger in my eye.

"You have to try and learn to live with it, but because it is so frequent it can at times get you down. It's quite distressing."

Prime minister turns up to see 1,000 Ride and Striders off

HUNDREDS of cyclists and ramblers across the county joined together to take part in the annual Ride and Stride, a sponsored bike ride or walk to raise money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT).

Participants are encouraged to make their way between some of Oxfordshire's 577 churches, exploring the countryside in between.

Oxford Cathedral was one of the most popular venues, with 128 people participating in Ride and Stride visiting the building.

Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron gave the event his support, and attended St Nicholas's Church in Chadlington to meet with riders and walkers.

John Morrison, county organiser for Ride and Stride, said: "It looks as though, in spite of the weather, we've done extremely well and better than last year by all accounts.

"I saw lots of people while I was driving around in my role as county organiser, and it was very impressive. We probably had 900-1,000 people at an estimate.

"This has become an annual event. It's a national event of course across 40 other counties, and I'm very optimistic about the final figures."

• *David Cameron meets with Ride and Stride participants over the weekend*

Understanding sexual consent

• *From front page*

that there is very limited education out there for young people.

"It's as much preventing as it is promoting, and we hope to develop the campaign further and make talking about sex ok in the public eye so young people can ask for advice."

Alexandra Bailey of the crisis centre said: "I think it's becoming much more difficult for young people to know what's appropriate in a relationship.

"The campaign is a great starting point to move on from, not least as it enables a really difficult conversation about a complicated issue and it does it in an age appropriate way."

App to boost student safety

A NEW mobile phone app, designed to ensure the safety of students in Oxford, is set to be put to the test throughout the next eight to nine months.

Police, alongside Oxford Brookes University, have developed an app containing bus timetables, crime prevention advice and a section where they can put in contact details for their halls or house of occupancy.

The app will generally be for language students who study in Oxford during the summer months, but will be tested on the thousands of young people who begin their studies in October.

Dave Hession, crime reduction advisor for Thames Valley Police, said: "There is nothing like it in the forces.

"The closest we have got to it is Oxford University have an app but it is not for language school students."

Supt Christian Bunt, local area commander for Oxford, added: "Social media is the main method of getting crime prevention advise to young people.

"It enables us to get messages out very quickly to a large number of people.

"The good thing about social media is that people can send it on."

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Cops are ready to give hooligans the red card

THAMES Valley Police is sending out a very clear message this week - football related disorder in Oxford will not be tolerated.

By **Jack Johnson**
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This comes as six men were found not guilty of public order disturbances after the violent scenes at Oxford United's match against Bristol Rovers on February 9.

However, they were warned by an Oxford Crown Court judge that their behaviour was totally unacceptable.

In reaction to the incident at the Kassam Stadium earlier this year, where 48 people were arrested, police launched Operation Boots, with 26 out of the 32 people charged, found guilty.

Oxford's local policing area commander, Supt Christian Bunt said that a "strong and positive stance" will be taken on football related disorder.

"We are working even closely with the club who are very supportive of that stance," Supt Bunt said.

"We have already had more officers at games to make sure we have a presence, but it depends on the games, and we will have additional resources introduced to football this season."

Supt Bunt confirmed the next high profile policed game will be United's Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round tie at home to Portsmouth next month.

He continued: "The Bristol disorder was highly unusual even by national standards.

"There are not many games where a post match investigation would arrest 48 people and that is a significant amount.

"It was an indication that there is clearly a hooligan element that follows Oxford United Football Club and our job is to work with the club to make sure that is not the case.

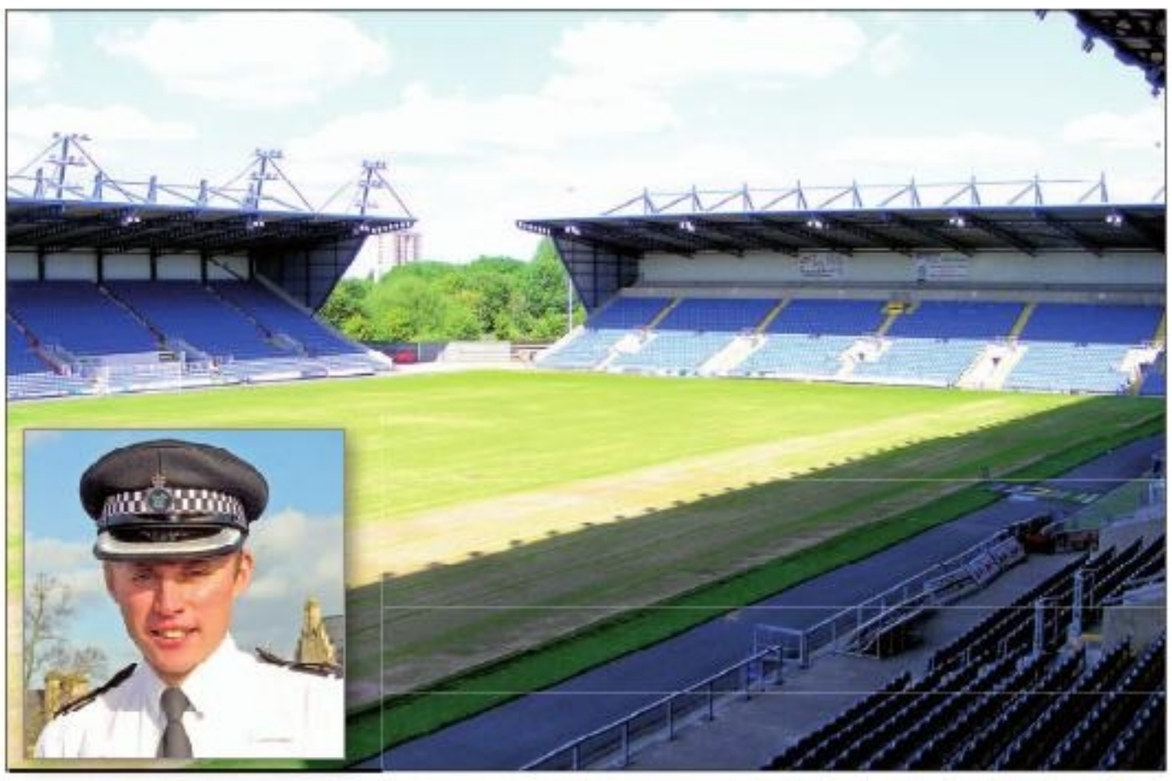
"I do not want it to become a problem where people think they can have a fight and a scrap at the weekend.

"It is just not acceptable.

"Why would we accept drunk and disorderly behaviour on a Saturday afternoon?

"We will have additional police resources at some of the games and we will be investing more in our post match investigations."

Supt Bunt confirmed that five to six officers had already attended Oxford United's home games this season.



- *Twenty-six people were charged after trouble at the Kassam Stadium at Oxford's match against Bristol Rovers in February and (inset) Oxford's local area commander Superintendent Christian Bunt*

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Theft in Cowley

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a snatch theft in Cowley Road, where a mobile phone was taken from a 31-year-old woman last Wednesday.

An offender, believed to be an Asian man in his thirties of medium build with a thin moustache, approached the victim from behind on a mountain bike, and snatched the Nokia Lumia 800 phone from her.

Anyone with information should contact PC Andrew Kewley on the police non-emergency number 101.

Sports awards

NOMINATIONS open tomorrow for this year's Oxfordshire Sports Awards.

There are 11 categories in total, consisting of Club of the Year, Coach of the Year and Sportsman of the Year.

Nominations close on October 11 and the ceremony takes place at the Kassam Stadium on November 29.

Workers' shares

AROUND 1,000 Royal Mail staff in Oxfordshire will receive free shares in the company.

This is after last week's announcement of the Government's intention to float Royal Mail on the London Stock Exchange.

It has been confirmed that Royal Mail employees' employment rights will not be reduced by free shares.

Competition hopes to encourage Oxford's young scientists

SCHOOLCHILDREN across the county are being encouraged to become the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Over 200 primary schools in Oxfordshire are being invited to take part in a science competition to help tackle the shortage of science, technology, engineering and maths skills in the UK.

The Engineering Explorers Competition, a joint initiative between education support services business Babcock and Science Oxford, is aiming to encourage children to pursue a career in science and enterprise.

As part of the competition, children will need to work in teams and think like engineers to design and build their own working model of a crane.

Bridget Holligan, head of learning at Science Oxford, said: "Pupils make decisions early in their lives about what they feel they are good at and what types of things they might do in the future.

"This competition will enable more pupils to understand what engineering really is and to enjoy succeeding in a practical engineering challenge."

To get involved, schools need to register on the Science Oxford website to win a 'construction challenge'.

Science Oxford will then visit the first 16 schools who register to run a construction challenge with one or two classes of Year 5 and 6 pupils.

The best class to complete the challenge will win a K'Nex computer control kit which includes all the equipment and software to program five different K'Nex models.

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'Speed dating' tenant event set to return to Rose Hill

OXFORD City Council's series of 'speed dating' events for tenants who want to downsize by swapping homes is being held at Rose Hill Community Centre today from 2pm.

The events were set up following figures that revealed since the introduction of the social sector under occupancy role, also known as the bedroom tax, more than 70 people had registered an interest in swapping properties.

Everyone at the session will wear a badge detailing their housing requirements, as well as information about their current home.

Councillor Scott Seamons, board member for housing, said: "These events are proving more and more popular.

"We know that many people in Oxford are desperate to move to get the right property for the size of their household and to save costs.

"The speed dating events show how easy it can be to swap homes and could be the answer they've been looking for."

As well as today, future 'speed dating' events will be taking place in Oxford on October 3 and 15, all running from 2pm to 4pm.

For more information about mutual exchanges, go to www.oxford.gov.uk/houseswap or call 01865 252755.

Serial recycler gets a Blenheim bonus!

By **Jack Johnson**
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AN Oxfordshire resident has been rewarded for her dedication to recycling with an annual pass to Blenheim Palace.

Alison Gates, from Oxford, has won an annual family pass to the stately home in Woodstock as part of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership's recycling pledge promotion.

Residents across the county were asked to pledge to recycle one more thing, or as much as possible, to help improve Oxfordshire's recycling rate of 60 per cent.

Mrs Gates pledged to recycle as much as possible and stuck to her word by putting out two large bins for collection.

She said: "I'm delighted to have won the prize.

"I try to recycle as much as possible but this has made me think about what I am putting in my bins even more.

"I am determined to recycle as much as I can."

Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Cllr John Tanner presented Mrs Gates with her prize and he added: "We have been thrilled by the public response to the pledge competition.

"Congratulations to Alison on winning the prize.

"Oxfordshire residents are excellent recyclers but we want to encourage people to find that extra item to recycle; whether it's food waste or worn out electrical items."

All councils across the county collect a wide range of materials for recycling with batteries, beverage cartons and aerosols becoming the most recent additions.

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• *Cllr John Tanner presents Alison Gates with her annual family pass to Blenheim Palace*

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Man is robbed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was robbed along Middle Way, Summertown, in the early hours of September 15.

At 4.30am a 22-year-old man was approached by two men and one of the offenders, who had a brick in his hand, told the victim to hand over his iPhone 5.

The victim fell as he tried to get away and the second offender produced a knife and threatened him again asking for the phone.

The offenders were both white men, under 6ft tall, with a thin build.

They were around 18 to 20-years-old, unshaven with stubble, both with short dark hair and one was wearing a dark jacket.

Contact PC Andrew Kewley on 101.

Valuables stolen

A Radley handbag and purse, a black iPhone and a pair of sunglasses were stolen from a green VW Campervan in Headington on September 15.

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Food for thought

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The Oxfordshire Restaurant Awards take place on October 1 at The Manor Hotel in Weston-on-the-Green.

Establishments will fight it out for honours in seven categories including best Gastro Pub or Brasserie, the Outstanding Service Award and the much-coveted Restaurant of the Year.

Student discount

STUDENTS in the city who shop at the Co-operative will now be able to receive a 10 per cent discount on shopping.

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Mark Wilson, group general manager of Food Retail at The Midcounties Co-operative, said: "We wanted to help students, many of whom are living away from home for the first time, to live and cook on a budget."

Bullfinch charge

A 28-YEAR-OLD man from Wood Farm has been charged with two counts of perverting the course of justice, as part of Operation Bullfinch.

Zeeshan Ahmed, of Palmer Road, was charged last Thursday, relating to the intimidation of two girls prior to the recent trial at the Old Bailey.

He was remanded in custody to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on September 30.

Donors honoured for 'selfless efforts'

By **Jack Johnson**

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SEVEN dedicated blood donors from across the county were awarded for their selfless efforts at a special ceremony in Oxford.

Joined by fellow donors from Berkshire, Middlesex, Buckinghamshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, they were recognised by NHS Blood and Transplant for their loyalty and commitment at the ceremony on September 3.

Robert Long, who lives in Cowley and Kathryn Helsby of Oxford, along with Stephen Badger (Abingdon) and Anne Morrison (Witney) were rewarded after making 100 donations.

And Terence Wallace of Harwell, Phyllis Jane Burgess (Kidlington), and Claire Tarrant (Chipping Norton), have all made 75.

In total, 51 blood donors were honoured at the ceremony, and have potentially improved the lives of up to 12,675 patients between them.

One of those to benefit was guest speaker Marie Collinson-Wallace, who spoke of her first-hand experience of the need for blood with her daughter Olivia, a cancer survivor.

• (Left to right) Back - Robert Long, Stephen Badger, speaker Marie Collinson-Wallace with her daughter Olivia Wallace, Anne Morrison and Kathryn Helsby; Front - Terence Wallace, Phyllis Jane Burgess and Claire Tarrant

Olivia received 28 units of platelets and 39 units of red blood cells during her four-year treatment for leukaemia.

"All of these donors are just priceless," Marie said.

"So many donors tell me that it brings it home to them what a difference it makes to see Olivia stood before them being able to think about her aspirations and what she wants to achieve.

"That is all the proof that donors need that their dedication was worth it.

"It is such a wonderful way to reflect.

"What they achieve is no mean feat, it's dedication and generosity that makes that difference."

Dominic Sutherland, lead donor relations manager for NHS Blood and Transplant, added: "We are proud to reward these incredible people, these silent heroes, who have rolled up their sleeves so many times over the years to help save lives."

Thousands go through Oxon Open Doors

ORGANISERS of this year's Oxford Open Doors have hailed the weekend as the best yet.

Thousands of people flocked to Oxford and explored the hidden histories of the city in the Town Hall and Christ Church, to name a few.

Oxford Preservation Trust run and organise the event and a statement read: "We are delighted that all our hard work paid off, with so many places and events taking part, all overseen by the smiling band of volunteers who helped the visitors and spread the word about the Trust's work."

Tours at Christ Church, Magdalen College, and All Souls proved to be unsurprisingly popular while families enjoyed the fire engines, policemen, soldiers and old cars at the Castle.

Debbie Dance, Oxford Preservation Trust director said: "Oxford is a great place, we get so much support from so many people and places.

"Those 'extras' with organ recitals, concerts, brass bands and bell ringing, cream teas and so much more, made the whole weekend really special.

"We could not put this on without all our partners, but single out the support of the University of Oxford without whom this could not happen – an example of community support at its very best and strongest."

Plans are already being made for next year's event.

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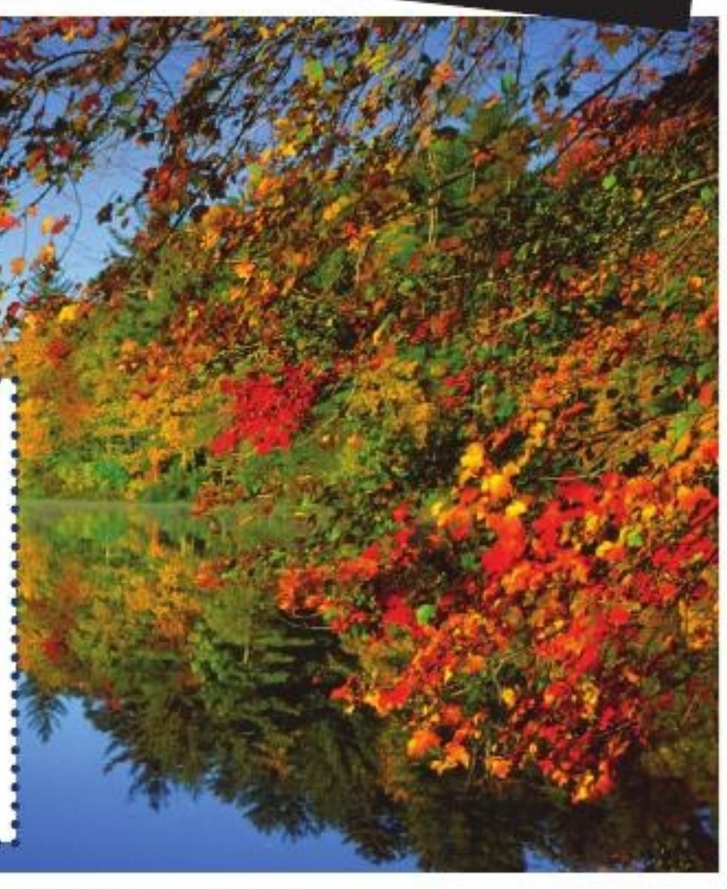

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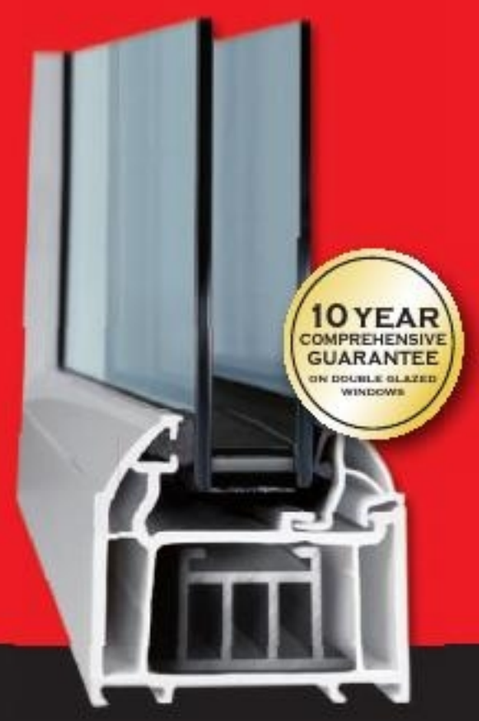

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Oxjam returns

OXFAM'S Oxjam Oxford Takeover returns to the city in October.

The Black Hats, Dance A La Plage, Duchess and Listing Ships are just some of the names that will be performing on Saturday, October 12.

Venues include Turl Street Kitchen, The Cellar and The Purple Turtle while early bird tickets are £7, advance £9 or on the door at £10.

Tea for everyone

STAFF and volunteers at Rose Hill's Helen & Douglas House shop held a vintage tea party yesterday.

They took a step back into the 1940s and 50s to launch the charity's 'Tea at Three' campaign which hopes to raise money for children, families and young adults with life-shortening conditions.

To find out more information visit www.helenanddouglas.org.uk.

'Walk the World'

GO OUTDOORS, who are based on the Abingdon Road, hoped to inspire walkers in Oxford last Saturday to help them complete a national challenge.

Staff at GO Outdoors encouraged people to take part in the Britain on Foot 'Walk the World in 80 Days' challenge.

The idea is to declare a combined total target distance which is equivalent to the circumference of the earth.

Walkers who are keen to take part have to do so by October 14.

There's something about crime novels

By **Jack Johnson**
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ACCORDING to Oxfordshire County Council's Library Service, crime fiction is the most popular genre of book to borrow.

Five crime novels featured in the top 15 most-borrowed adult fiction issues from the Library Service from June to August this year.

Oxford is renowned for its links to crime fiction such as Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse which was a hit television drama along with its spin-offs Lewis and Endeavour.

Also, parts of Midsomer Murders are filmed in and around Henley-on-Thames and Dorchester, and Miss Marple author Agatha Christie lived near Wallingford and is buried in Cholsey.

"There are many theories to explain why borrowers from our Library Service are so interested in crime novels, but at this stage there is no firm evidence about the real reasons why," said Jane Mason, Oxfordshire County Council's reader services manager.

"There are the local links with Morse and Midsomer, and I know that many crime authors write with the knowledge that people are interested in psychology and relationships - themes which often are prevalent in crime fiction."

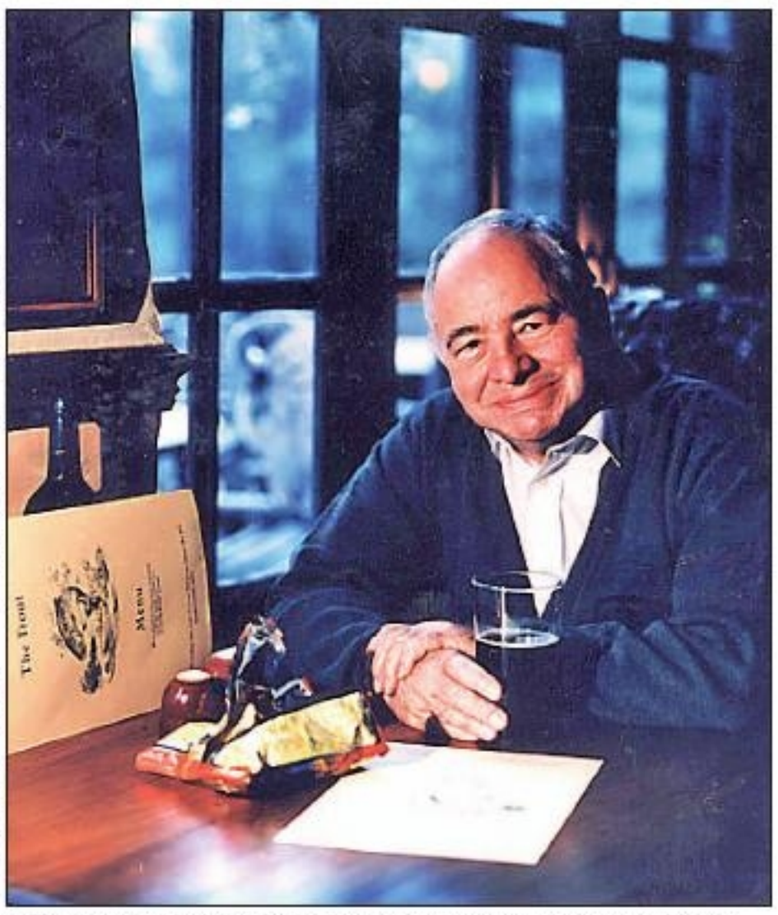
Ian Rankin's 'Standing in Another Man's Grave' was the most popular crime novel and fifth overall as it was borrowed 355 times while 'Beastly Things' by Donna Leon was taken out 341 times.

'Mystery of Mercy Close' by Marian Keyes, 'Watching the Dark' by Peter Robinson and 'Death Comes to Pemberley' by P D James were also popular among readers.

Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for Cultural and Community Services, added: "Perhaps the puzzle of detection is the fascination for readers as it is for Inspector Morse who loves crosswords.

"The popularity of crime fiction might be because the subject is so alien and far-removed from most people's lives.

"Our Library Service has thousands of copies of crime fiction of all types for people to borrow and I would encourage those interested in the subject to visit their local library or have a look at our online catalogue to see what is on offer."



• The intrigue behind Colin Dexter's character Inspector Morse is just one of many reasons why people across the county enjoy reading crime novels.

The most popular book borrowed was 'Bring up the Bodies' by Hilary Mantel which was taken out 610 times.

Government invests £7.7m in drugs firm

A CONSORTIUM led by an Oxford-based company has been award a multi-million-pound funding boost by the government.

Gene-based pharmaceutical company, Oxford BioMedica, along with a consortium of five other businesses, has been awarded £7.72million by the government as part of a drive to support manufacturing.

The consortium also invested £1.43million of their own money and the government's Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative (AMSCI) will help to support development.

Oxford BioMedica looks at developing medicines and gene technology to help patients with complicated health problems.

Over the next two years the company, supported by the consortium, will bring previously outsourced projects back into the UK, supporting and creating jobs.

John Dawson, CEO of Oxford BioMedica said: "We are delighted that our supply chain initiative proposal has received substantial support from the UK Government.

"This project demonstrates the strong and growing demand for industrialising the development of gene-based therapies."

Business Secretary Vince Cable added: "With a strong skills history, Oxford has one of the strongest economies in the South East."

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'I've probably worked harder on this show than any other'

POPULAR Manchester comedian Jason Manford returns to Oxford's New Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, with his brand new show First World Problems.

Promising a hilarious succession of anecdotes, comic misunderstandings and audience banter, the new show picks up where Jason left off with his previous tour 'Off On Tour We Go' in 2011.

By Adam Flinn
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He has been away from the stand-up scene in recent years, appearing on and winning the ITV opera show Born to Shine, but says he is now returning to what he does best.

Jason said: "The show's not about anything really. I called it First World Problems but that's as much thought as I put into it.

"It's just stand-up. There's no narrative, you don't come out at the end having learnt anything. It's just a couple of hours of laughing really."

The former One Show host hadn't turned his back on comedy entirely in recent times, making appearances on QI, Big Fat Quiz of the Year and Comedy World Cup.

"The tour's been getting really good feedback," Jason added. "I've probably worked harder on this show than any other, to be honest, as I've literally had to sit down and write it.

"The travelling is the hardest part, but you learn to make the best of it. Staying in towns you don't really know, away from the kids, stuff like that."

Despite a return to his roots with stand-up, Jason hasn't turned his back on opera and musical theatre.

He said: "I'd love to do another musical at some point, but right now we've got another 10 months of touring so we're not really thinking about it.

"I'm looking forward to doing the tour, then maybe a little holiday, take a few months off, spend some time with the kids and we'll see what happens."

Both shows start at 8pm, with tickets starting from £27.40. Visit www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk

• Jason Manford's return to stand up comes to the New Theatre on Monday and Tuesday

Poetry Party

THE Burton Taylor Studio play host to the family show Poetry Party on Saturday, billed as an interactive celebration of words.

Poems by some of Britain's best-loved children's authors will be read out, along with a variety of games, music and lots of opportunities for the audience to get involved.

It runs from 11am to 2pm, costing £7.50 for adults and £5.50 for children. More information is available at www.oxfordplayhouse.com or by calling 01865 305305.

Swim Deep

WEST Midlands indie rock band Swim Deep take to the stage at Oxford's O2 Academy on Monday evening, as part of their autumn tour in support of their new single 'King City'.

Made up of Austin Williams, Tom Higgins, Zachary Robinson and Cavan McCarthy, the group formed in 2011 and released their debut album 'Where the Heaven Are We' in August this year.

Tickets are available from £11.25. Go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or call 0844 477 2000 for more information.

Alex Horne

COMEDIAN Alex Horne returns to the Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday, with his new show all about the lies we tell to each other and ourselves.

He is known for his work on BBC4 comedy quiz show We Need Answers, and previously visited the Cornerstone with his 'Seven Years in the Bathroom' in June last year.

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Oxford's choirs sing along as part of the Fringe favourite

By Adam Flinn
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FIVE Oxford choirs will form the soundtrack for David Greig's award-winning new play The Events, being performed at the North Wall Arts Centre from Tuesday.

It was the undisputed hit of this year's Edinburgh Fringe, winning the prestigious Carol Tambor Award for the best theatre production at the festival.

Tuesday's performance features Mizike and The Jericho Singers, Wednesday has The Blackbird Leys Choir, while the final show on Thursday is sung by the Sea Green Singers and Sounds Fun.

Trevor Davies, musical director for the Blackbird Leys choir, said: "We're singing a programme of six or seven songs, which form part of the story.

"The organisers put out a general request to all the choirs in Oxford and I thought the idea's got legs, and a reasonable number of the choir are free that night for the performance so we're going to do it.

"The last big thing we did was the community musical performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in February, which was a huge boost to the choir and very well received.

"That was funded by some community groups, in particular the Church of the Holy Family, and the diocese has now provided us with funds to do a show at Christmas called Rock Nativity."

Music for The Events was written by Irish composer John Browne, with the show itself being a tale of tragedy, obsession and a destructive desire to work out the unfathomable.

North Wall artistic director Lucy Maycock said: "I am a huge fan of David Greig's work; he is one of my favourite dramatists.

"He writes on such a wide range of themes, and his plays are always brilliantly conceived and theatrically satisfying – a key factor in programming work for The North Wall."

The three shows start at 8pm. For more information, go to www.thenorthwall.com

• *Choirs across the country have been featured in The Events*

James Bell

JAMES Bell is celebrating the launch of his new album 'Joy and Jealousy' at The Old Fire Station on Saturday, accompanied by a mix of musicians to perform songs from it.

The new album is described as not being exactly like folk music, but a mix of trashy broadside songsheets, sentimental love songs and dark true-story murder ballads.

Tickets cost £9 for the show, which runs from 8pm to 11pm. For more details, visit www.oldfirestation.org.uk or call 01865 263980.

It's a Hallmark of Harmony!

KING'S Sutton Parish Church is to host the Sheffield-based barbershop chorus Hallmark of Harmony', who picked up a silver medal at the UK National Barbershop Convention in May this year.

They will be joined by Banbury's 5ways chorus, promising plenty of fun, laughter and fantastic singing.

The show starts at 7pm on Saturday at the church, with tickets costing £8. Under 12's go free.

Illusionists

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Silverstone's high-speed 1.640-mile National Circuit will not only see three action-packed British Touring Car Championship races on the Sunday of the event, motor sport fans will enjoy a host of other on track action throughout the weekend, including support races from the Porsche GT3 Cup, Protyre Formula Renault Championship, Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain, Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup and Ginetta Junior Championship.

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The weekend's entertainment isn't just happening on track, either. Monster Energy's Gymkhana GRID, created by American rallying legend Ken Block, will be taking place in one of Silverstone's main car park areas at the entrance to the venue on Saturday and Sunday. Pitching the UK's best budding drift drivers against each other in head to head battles, there is plenty at stake as the winners from the Silverstone competition will be whisked off for the ultimate challenge against the Gymkhana GRID creator himself Ken Block (AWD class) and drift master Vaughn Gittin Jr. (RWD class). The Monster rig will also feature drift demos from the Monster Energy Team drivers and appearances from the Monster girls.

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By **Philip Shoulder**

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SHARING its underpinnings with the New Clio, the Captur is the latest addition to the booming small crossover class.

Along with compact dimensions and raised ground clearance, the French marque's chic new entrant is dynamically styled and features a two-tone colour scheme as standard. Captur is reassuringly safe, too, having been awarded a five-star Euro NCAP crash rating.

Four trim levels are offered, and high levels of customisation are also available throughout the range. All models get 16" alloy wheels, 60/40 split and sliding rear seat bench, body coloured bumpers, cruise control, electronic stability control, front and rear electric windows, Hill Start Assist, speed limiter and trip computer.

The Captur engine line up consists of the 0.9-litre TCe 90 and new 1.2 TCe 120 petrol motors and 1.5 dCi 90 diesel. Although not quick – taking 12.3 seconds to get to 62mph – this 1.5 dCi 90 (89bhp) does enable Captur to achieve an impressive combined 76.4 mpg and low 95g/km of CO_2.

Despite its elevated height, Captur handles well, with minimal roll and good levels of grip. The steering has a pleasant well-weighted feel, although the ride isn't quite as composed as a Clio. Refinement levels are generally good - engine noise is well suppressed - with road and wind noise only becoming intrusive at higher motorway speeds.

The Captur's cabin has a functional, yet funky feel, and a high up-right driving position, which is comfortable and affords good visibility. Up front there are generous amounts of head and legroom and the seats are supportive.

Drivers will find controls fall conveniently to hand on the simple and concise dashboard.

There's plenty of room for rear passengers, while the 455 litre boot has an under-floor section for hiding valuables out of view. In keeping with the rugged lifestyle theme, the boot floor is reversible, with one side coated with rubber – perfect for muddy shoes or other messy items.

VERDICT

Renault's new small crossover entrant aims to combine the best of SUV, MPV and hatchback… and succeeds. Some poor interior plastics and a fidgety low-speed ride are the only gripes to an otherwise top-notch package.

Captur is stylish, practical and decent to drive: and although not matching the performance of Nissan's Juke, you'll enjoy appreciably better economy.

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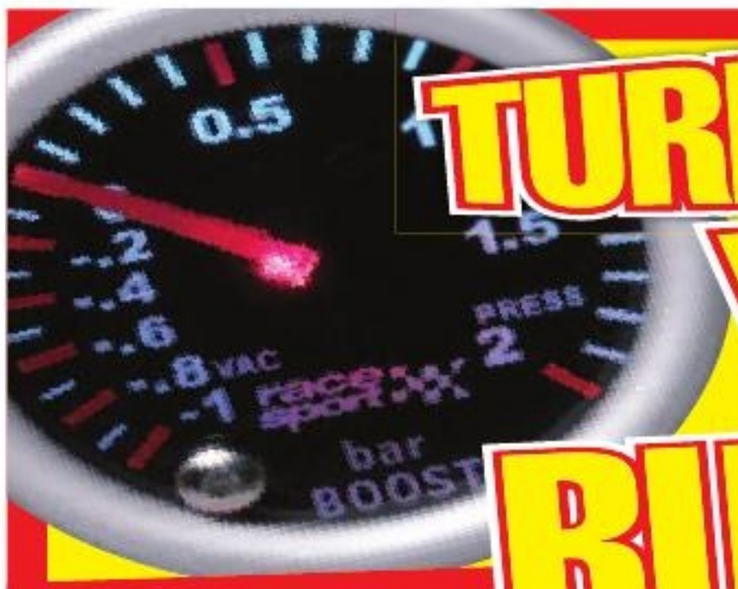

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'I THOUGHT DAVE WAS EXCELLENT'

Wilder satisfied after Kitson breaks duck for the season

CHRIS Wilder was full of praise for Dave Kitson as the veteran striker opened his account against Cheltenham Town last weekend.

By **Jack Johnson**
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The 33-year-old put in a workmanlike performance as United remained unbeaten with a battling 2-2 draw at Whaddon Road.

United remain second in League Two, but are now four points behind leaders Chesterfield who face Wilder's men at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

Last weekend, United went behind after just eight minutes when Byron Harrison tapped home after Ryan Clarke had denied Terry Gornell.

However, Clarke's long goal kick caused confusion in the Cheltenham defence and Kitson beat Scott Brown to the ball before firing into an empty net for the equaliser.

Just after half-time, Cheltenham re-took the lead as Gornell took advantage of poor defending, but Johnny Mullins proved to be Oxford's hero once again as he found the bottom corner from David Hunt's cross.

"I thought Dave Kitson was excellent," Wilder told the club, "I thought it was a proper performance.

"It's been a bit stop start for him with the injuries that he has had but I was pleased with his work rate late on.

"He chased the ball down, his goal was good, his link-up was good and he won everything in the air.

"It was a fantastic performance from him and hopefully we can build upon his performance and another result away from home."

Before the game United were hit with injuries to captain Jake Wright (groin) and James Constable (chipped foot bone) and the pair are set to be out for up to six weeks.

Wilder said: "They are not just big blows to the players but they are blows to the group.

"But I thought the reaction was first class.

"It wasn't a great time to play them because they have not started the season well.

"We rolled into town, we bring a load of punters, and they see that as no motivation needed and to kick-start their season - and I've got to say they gave it a right go and we matched them."

Ahead of this weekend's top of the table clash against Chesterfield, Wilder added: "If you speak to every manager in the league they will say they are the team to beat.

"They have got a lot of decent players so they have got really good competition and whatever team they pick we are going to have to be at our best.

"We have to make sure that nobody comes in to our back garden and gets a result."

• *Dave Kitson scored his first goal of the season against Cheltenham and impressed Chris Wilder with his performance (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Cheltenham Town 2
Oxford United 2

Exiles season starts with Bedford win

LONDON Welsh began their Greene King IPA Championship campaign with a 23-14 win over Bedford Blues.

Will Robinson, Joe Ajuwa and Nathan Morris went over for the Exiles as Justin Burnell's side picked up four points on the opening day of the season.

Welsh led 13-0 at half-time thanks to tries from Williams and Ajuwa and a Gordon Ross penalty.

Two James Pritchard penalties brought the Blues back into the match and the full back exchanged three pointers with Ross before Morris' converted try ensured the Exiles took the points despite Neville Edwards going over late on.

Welsh face Nottingham this weekend at Meadow Lane before welcoming Plymouth Albion to the Kassam on September 28.

City battle back to earn draw at Altrincham

OXFORD City fought back from two goals down to earn a point at high-flying Altrincham last Saturday.

Mike Ford's men had their backs against the wall as James Walshaw and Simon Richman fired Altrincham, who were the Skrill Conference North leaders before last weekend, into a 2-0 lead.

However, City were given a lifeline when Scott Leather headed into his own net.

Ford's men shaded the second half and deservedly drew level as Darren Pond scored from the spot after Liam Malone was fouled by Gianluca Havern.

On Tuesday night City drew 1-1 at home to Boston United.

City are currently second from bottom in the league table and have taken only four points from eight matches so far this season.

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